

coronavirus, I know, now more than ever, we must pass this landmark bill into law, and do it now.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COACH CHARLES RIPLEY

(Mr. HILL of Arkansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Arkansas' great coaching legends, Mr. Charles Ripley, who passed away this week at the age of 74.

In his 27-year tenure at the Little Rock School District, Coach Ripley led the Parkview Patriots to five boys State basketball titles and an overall record of 487–152.

In 1995, Coach Ripley was hired as the head basketball coach of Westark Community College in Fort Smith and then returned to Little Rock to serve as the athletic director and men's basketball coach at Arkansas Baptist College.

Coach Rip is a real hero to so many in our community and is in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

The Arkansas Baptist College Foundation has established the Rip It Scholarship Fund to fund and honor his long-time efforts to fund and assist student-athletes at Arkansas Baptist College.

I join all Arkansans in honoring this remarkable life.

Madam Speaker, I also want to say that I congratulate the House on concurring with the Senate on extending the PPP program date until August 8. This will help small businesses all over our country.

CORONAVIRUS MAKES NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE VITAL

(Mrs. FLETCHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FLETCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act.

At this unprecedented moment in our country's history, when the novel coronavirus has made plain the vital need for affordable and accessible healthcare for people across our country, I was proud to cast my vote in favor of this bill, which builds on the Affordable Care Act.

Ten years ago, the Affordable Care Act expanded access to healthcare for millions across Texas and across the country. Since that time, we have also learned of critical improvements needed to the ACA to ensure that care is both affordable and accessible.

This bill lowers the cost of prescription drugs, caps premiums, and protects people with preexisting conditions.

Vitality important for Texas, with the highest rate of uninsured people in the country, this bill encourages States that haven't expanded Medicaid to do

so. And I will work with leaders in Texas to make sure that we do.

These are priorities for people across my district, across my State, and across our country. As we battle this public health crisis, I am glad the legislation that is necessary and timely has passed the House, and I urge the Senate to do the same.

MOVING FORWARD ON PATH TO SUSTAINABILITY

(Mr. LEVIN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, today, the House of Representatives took a significant step forward for the American people by passing the Moving Forward Act, a \$1.5 trillion legislative package to invest in America's infrastructure and create jobs. I am proud to support this legislation.

Among other things, this package will help combat the climate crisis and grow clean energy jobs. It includes my Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act, which facilitates renewable energy development on public lands and sets a goal to develop 25 gigawatts of renewable energy generation on our public lands by 2025.

I also worked to ensure that the package includes local priorities like my Desalination Development Act, which will provide Federal funding for desalination projects like those in my district.

Finally, the Moving Forward Act includes my amendment to authorize nearly \$3.4 billion to construct, maintain, and renovate Department of Veterans Affairs capital infrastructure. The amendment also prioritizes service-disabled, veteran-owned small businesses to complete many of these projects.

Ultimately, the Moving Forward Act puts our country on the path to a more sustainable future, and I urge the Senate to take it up immediately.

RECOGNIZING CHRIST CORDON

(Mr. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember an outstanding member of the Panama City community, Christ Cordon.

Christ passed away last week. He was a devoted husband, father, and friend to me as well as many others.

He owned a small business and quietly gave to organizations, individuals, and causes he believed in. He generously contributed to the Children's Advocacy Center, checking on and supporting them after Hurricane Michael.

The fact that Christ gave so much without seeking any recognition speaks volumes about his character. His death is a truly huge loss for our

community. He was exceptional. He leaves behind a loving wife and a young son.

I am grateful for the time that I had with Christ Cordon and for the privilege of calling him my friend. I encourage all of us to think about the impact we have made on our communities, and how we can continue to serve our communities in the future, just as Christ did.

ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN OUR COUNTRY

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I am proud to have supported H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

This comprehensive infrastructure package will make clean energy investments, create more affordable housing, and improve broadband across the United States.

I am proud that H.R. 2 included many of my bills, including the green bus tax credit, so that Monterey-Salinas Transit and Santa Cruz METRO, in my district, can get their fleets of zero-emission buses on the roads and also my Clean Energy Production Parity Act to support linear generators manufactured in California.

H.R. 2 also includes my amendments to increase the Reforestation Trust Fund for more job-creating environmental infrastructure and to give greater flexibility to communities using EDA funding so that we can better target Federal funding for economic recovery projects.

It is past time to address the infrastructure needs of our country. That is why I urge my colleagues in the Senate to, hopefully, take up and pass H.R. 2, so that we can continue to move our country forward to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

HONORING BRANDON CASERTA

(Mr. MOULTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brandon Caserta.

Brandon was a 21-year-old United States Navy petty officer. He couldn't get mental health help when he needed it, and as a result, he died from suicide on the flightline of his squadron in Norfolk, Virginia.

Last week, on the second anniversary of the day that Brandon's parents, Patrick and Teri, lost their son, I was proud to introduce the Brandon Act. I am also proud to have successfully added this bill to the NDAA today in the House Armed Services Committee in honor of Brandon.

With the Brandon Act, servicemembers can seek mental health help whenever they need it, even outside the chain of command, which is important

in cases of hazing, bullying, or anything else our heroes want to handle privately by self-referral.

We won't get Brandon back, but his legacy will be the servicemembers' lives he saves when this bill becomes law. Let's pass the Brandon Act for Brandon, Teri, and Patrick Caserta, and for every servicemember who wants mental health help but can't get it. We owe it to them.

RECOGNIZING BUD COOK

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bud Cook, the northeast Pennsylvania program director for the Nature Conservancy.

For more than 40 years, Bud has been one of the foremost advocates for conservation and environmental protection in my community and in Pennsylvania.

For decades, Bud has led efforts to conserve and protect nature in the Greater Lehigh Valley and beyond. He established Monroe County Citizens for Open Space and led a pioneering fundraising campaign in support of land protection, and he has mentored generations of conservation advocates who have gone on to spearhead successful campaigns of their own.

Bud's quick wit and passion for his work have endeared him to many and helped create opportunities for collaboration in communities that might otherwise be divided, bringing together citizens united by their mutual desire to protect their beloved natural environment.

Bud's legacy can be experienced in the Hauser Nature Center in Long Pond, in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and innumerable places across my community where natural beauty is protected and preserved in our time and for generations to come.

As Bud prepares to retire and start a new chapter, I want to recognize his exceptional contributions.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful community, we thank and congratulate him for all he has done.

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ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to join you in the Chamber this evening. I thank all of our professional staff, as well; our parliamentarian, our readers, our clerks, our typists for their continued commitment to this institution in this climate.

It certainly feels different. We recognize that the well is no longer open for

this time period, that we speak from the desk and from the chairs, and yet, we still speak. We still deliberate. We still conduct the dialogue and the discourse of democracy, for that is what we do in this institution, we erect and pass the Nation's laws.

And oftentimes we hear from the public that it feels so polarized, that it feels too heated, that it feels stagnant because of the polarization. Why can't you just work together? You hear that all the time. I hear that from my district that is comprised of so many Independents, people who are not registered as Democrat or Republican. They are registered to vote, and they are good Americans in Michigan's 11th district, but they are looking for us to work together.

And in part, Madam Speaker, it is because I represent so many manufacturers, so many individuals who are engineers, who are dedicated makers and creators, so many educators, people passing those technical skills down to the next generation, Madam Speaker. I know you have many of those in your district in eastern Iowa. That is something us midwestern ladies have in common, the districts we represent are full of the people who make things. And they go to work every day not under a partisan circumstance, right, they go to work to produce, to give a good day's effort for that on-time delivery. That is the privilege I have representing the largest concentration of suppliers in America.

The world changed very quickly in 2020, this new decade in this still fledgling century. It changed so quickly with the coronavirus pandemic. Almost overnight schools stopped, work stopped. Health and safety paramount. The listening and the engagement with the science, the patience that we had to provide for the science with a new virus that swept the globe in a fiscal quarter, less than a fiscal quarter. Many infected, many perished tragically and unfortunately, and yet, our economy changed as a result.

And I think it is worth noting where our economy is today and what I am seeing out of my incredible district, a manufacturing district. We have some sayings in Michigan, the metro Detroit area. We call ourselves "metro Detroit." It is southeastern Michigan. It is just an absolutely remarkable place. And we say, you know, Detroit hustles harder, that Detroit hustles harder. And I like to say that Detroit always rises, that we rise when times are steady, and we certainly rise when times are tough. And we have done it before, Madam Speaker.

There is a fly in here, but I don't mind having a little fly buzzing around the floor. Who'd a thunk? But the words continue.

Detroit always rises. And we say that because 10 years ago we were staring at the edge of another cliff. Our auto industry was looking at bankruptcy, true liquidation, in the face. And it wasn't just a nameplate company, it wasn't

just General Motors and Chrysler and Ford, but it was the thousands of suppliers with the hundreds of thousands of jobs, 900,000 jobs on the line.

And Democrats and Republicans together said, We are not going to let Main Street fail. We are going to continue to be a first world Nation with industrial assets. And that is what we did with the CARES Act. Overwhelming support passed by a Republican Senate, a Democratic House, signed by a Republican President standing up for the hardworking American and for our industrial assets that we will continue to make cars in America.

Little known fact about southeastern Michigan, we have an incredible aerospace sector, a diversified supply chain. We just launched a rocket, SpaceX, into outer space. So many of the suppliers in my region, so many of the incredible workers helped produce the parts and components that go into those rockets. It is absolutely remarkable what we continue to do and the workforce that bests all the expectations.

So what did we do when this pandemic hit and we had to say, Guess what? For the health and safety of everyone, auto manufacturing is ceased for the time being. It had to shelter, it had to hibernate. But then they stood up and said, We are going to make protective personal equipment. Ford with their respirators. General Motors with the ventilators. Chrysler with a million-masks source and on and on down the supply chain.

The hand sanitizer coming from Michigan Enterprises. It has been unbelievable having those conversations.

AlphaUSA located right in Livonia, Michigan, right where our incredible district office is located. I saw them shortly before we went into the shutdown, a UAW-run supplier company and they were making the PPE. Now, we keep our fingers on the pulse of this manufacturing sector.

And we, by the way, recognize that today it is an incredibly special day, not only because it is America's birthday coming up and we salute all of our good men and women, our veterans, our current members of our Armed Forces, and those who, throughout our communities, are going to safely engage in recognizing America's birthday.

But we are also going to recognize what July 1st is, which is, it is the new day of our competitive framework as a North American continent. The USMCA. What the freshman class, with so many of us, came here to see done right, not for some, you know, bad action for the prescription drugs or anything along those lines, but to say, We are going to make things in America. We are going to increase Buy American content. We are going to make and produce and sell to the world, and by golly, we got this trade deal done.

And so now we can go and win, and we can compete more effectively